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SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Sir, what is the purpose of the scheme when it is a well-known fact that the cattle wealth of the country is dwindling? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The dwindling cattle wealth of the country is exactly the reason for this scheme."

* 554 Q.—

SRI A. RATNAM :—" I am not putting the question, Sir."

Exemption of hotels in Malabar from the payment of sales tax.

* 555 Q.—SRI K. MOIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the owners of hotels and restaurants in Malabar district regarding the exemption of these hotels from the payment of sales tax; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The Government see no grounds for complying with the request for exemption."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, restaurants and hotels are dealing in perishable food articles and Government have already given up the levy of sales tax on perishable articles. In view of this, will the Government comply with the request of the restaurants and hotels to exempt them from the levy of sales tax? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" If the hotels, etc., are dealing in perishable articles, these articles would have already been exempted from the tax, Sir."

Supply of midday meals to fishermen children attending Government Fisheries Schools in South Kanara district.

* 556 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state— 11-10 a.m.

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to supply midday meals to fishermen children attending Government Fisheries Schools in South Kanara district; and

(b) if so, when the supply is likely to begin?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The Government have no proposal at present for the supply of midday meals to fishermen children attending the Government Fisheries Schools in South Kanara district.

" (b) Does not arise."